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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

When Wolverine awakes, he discovers that reality as he knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Wrestling superstar, actor and scientist Peter Parker lives with his wife, Gwen Stacy, and their son, Richie.

Tony Stark, the most successful Sapien in the business world, runs Stark Industries out of Chicago.

New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage. Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist), Misty Knight, Marc Spector (a.k.a. Moon Knight), Angela Del Toro (a.k.a. White Tiger), Felicia Hardy (a.k.a. Black Cat), and the Sons of the Tiger form the nucleus of the Human Resistance Movement.

And Logan himself is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit, and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique.

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RRRR...



HOPE YOU
DON'T MIND
SOME HELP,
STRANGER.

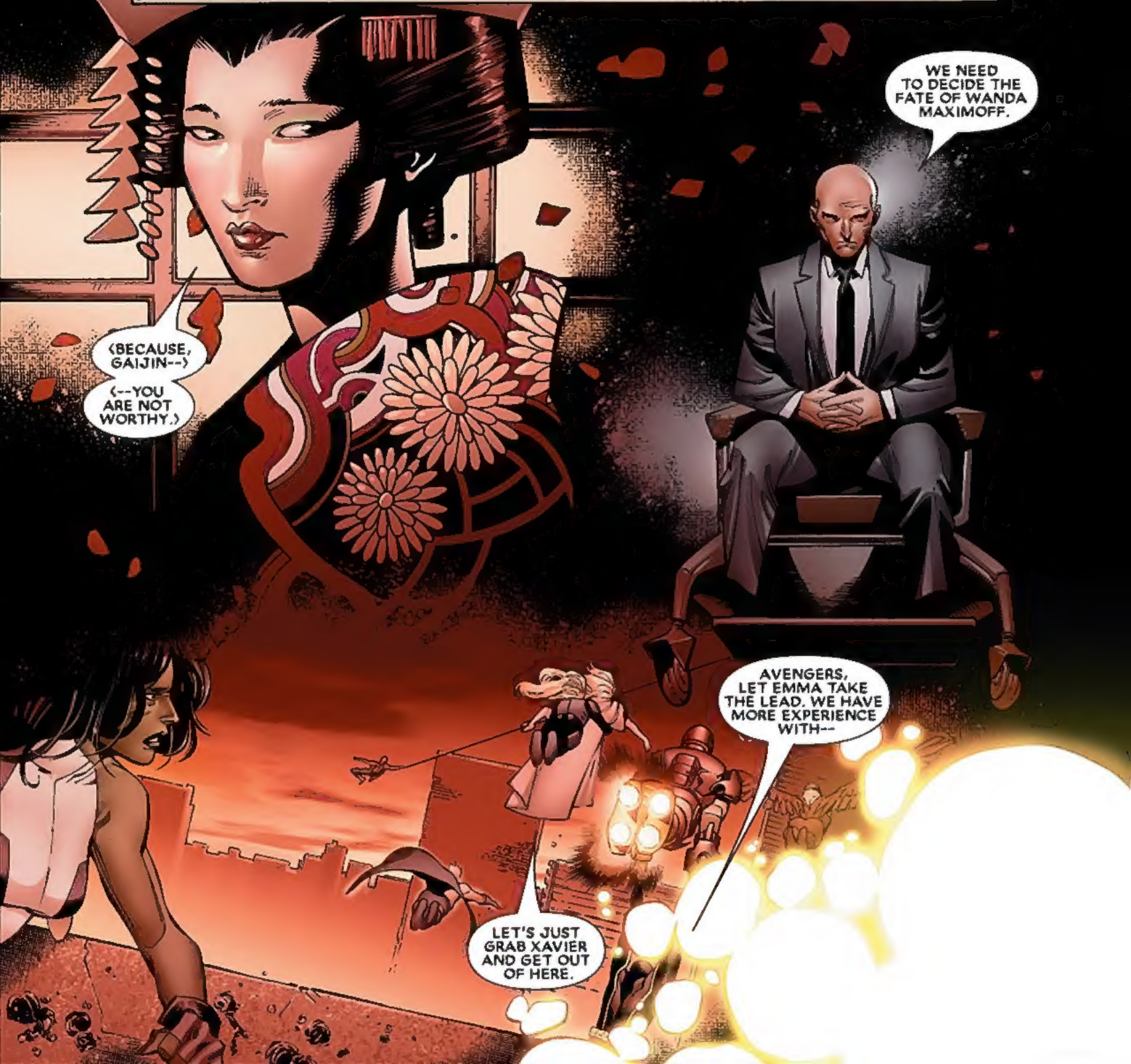
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TO GO
'ROUND.

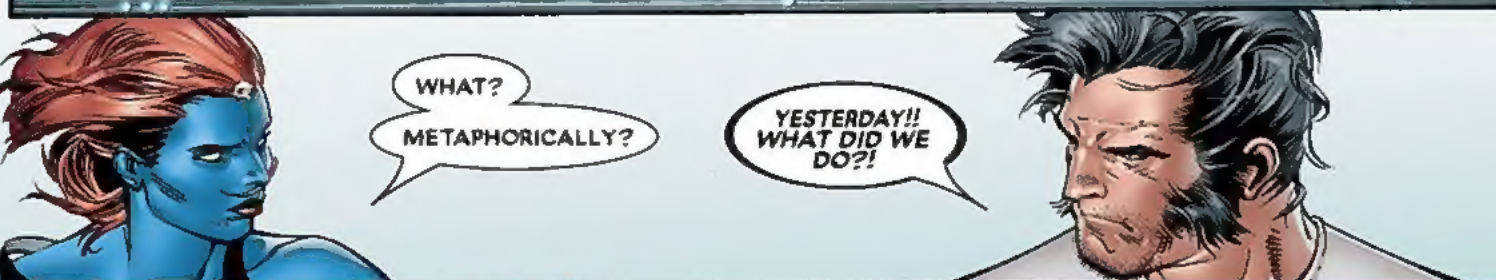
HINES...WOULD
YOU PLEASE ACCESS
MR. LOGAN'S
MEDICAL PROFILE
AND HISTORY?

YES,
SIR.

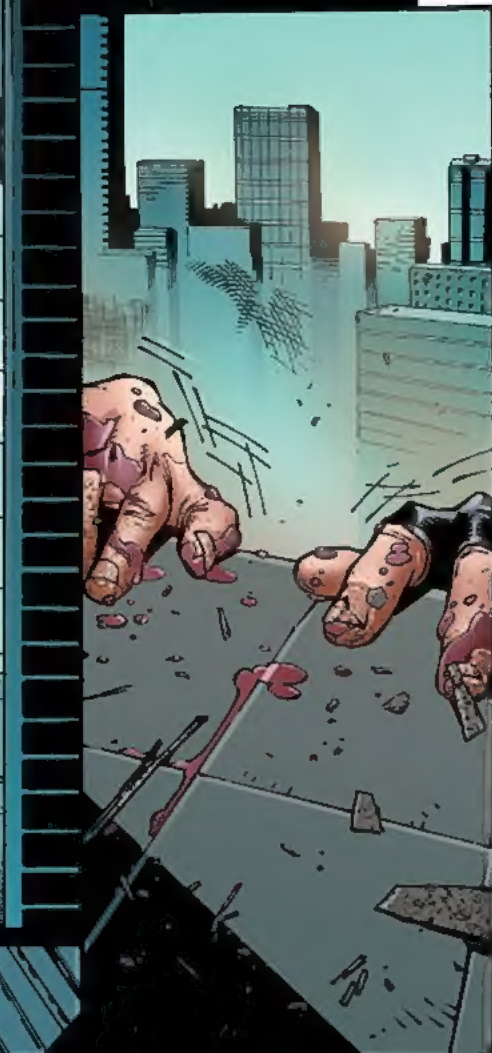
HEADS UP,
HAIRIES! THE
WOLVERINE
IS COMING
THROUGH!!!

HUH?
LITTLE MAN
ATTACKS
HULK!











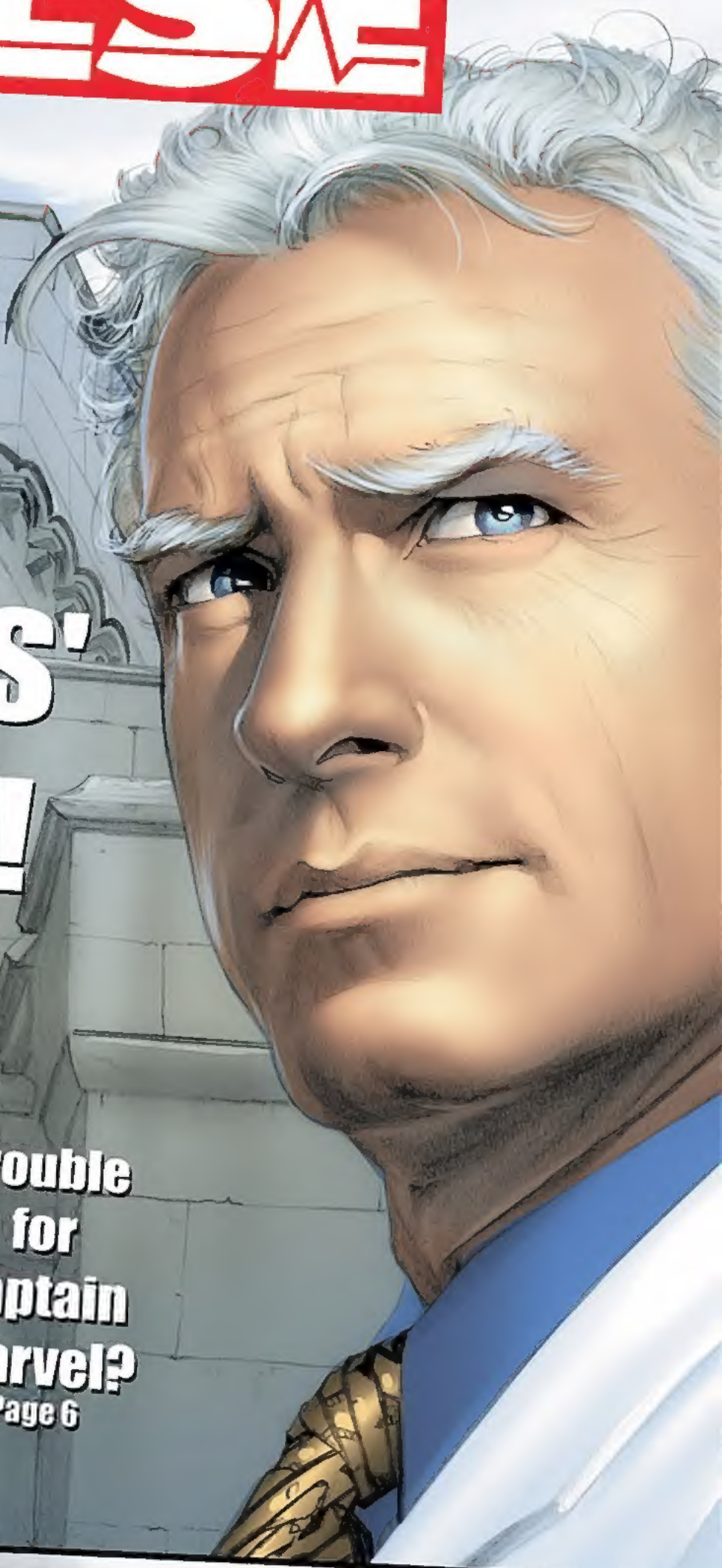
THE PULSE

THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS' BIG DAY!

Children of the atom and
world leaders gather
to pay tribute.



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for
Captain
Marvel?
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Pulse Weekend Extra

Don't start your day without it!



House of Magnus gala this weekend

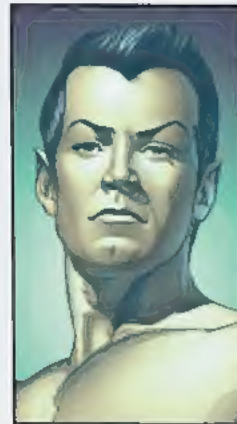
BETTY BRANT



Eric Magnus will be the center of attention, once again! This time at a charity gala in his honor hosted by the British Royal family.

Prince Namor, King T'Challa, Lord Victor Von Doom, Kree Private Genis-Vell, Princess Ororo of Kenya and a smorgasbord of international glitterati are expected to pay tribute to the man in a once-in-a-lifetime event commemorating the anniversary of the rebellion against homo sapien oppressors that held the world captive for decades.

The event has been put together by Magnus's children, all of whom will be in attendance. Security will be tight as a highly publicized event like this makes a prime target for sapien relation sympathizers. Rumors of several underground movements using this event to make a statement of violence against the house of Magnus have been circulating for weeks, but sources close to the event say that no such threats have surfaced and that "we do not live in fear."



Prince Namor,
ruler of Atlantis
will be attending.

Born in the Nazi death camp in Auschwitz, Poland and the only member of his family to survive the camp, Magnus discovered himself to be one of the earliest reported mutants. Because of his all-encompassing powers over Earth's magnetic fields, Magnus became an early target in anti-mutant propaganda where he was given the mocking name Magneto.

Magnus struggled through a number of sapien attacks over

the years with various world governments and the media branding him a mutant terrorist. As New Yorkers know, on August 18, 1979, Eric Magnus came under attack by the original and highly controversial mutant-hunting Sentinels. This spectacular fight over the skies of New York City ended with Magnus unveiling proof of a worldwide multi-governmental anti-mutant conspiracy that funneled all the way up to our elected world leaders of the time, including American President Richard Nixon.

It was soon after the famed Sentinel takedown that the U.N. granted Magneto sovereignty over the newly established island of Genosha as the world capital of the mutant population.

Since then, with the homo superior population growing so quickly it is believed it will overtake the sapien population by the year 2013, Magneto's power base has restructured the world governments to include the pro-mutant life agenda into any and all law making.

Look for full coverage of the event in the weekend edition of The Pulse along with an exclusive full color photo essay of the red carpet arrivals.

House of M's **Eric Magnus** and **Princess Ororo** of Kenya will be among the dignitaries celebrating thirty years of freedom from oppression by Sapiens.

New technique eyed in mutant stem-cell debate

KAT FARRELL



With the nation deadlocked over the questionable morality of using mutated homo superior embryos for research for human medical treatments, a high ranking member of the President's Council on Nu-Bioethics is developing a proposal that might allow scientists to create the equivalent of homo superior embryonic stem cells without destroying mutant embryos, offering a potential path out of the controversy.

Dr. Otto Octavius, a bioethicist and staunch opponent of research on mutant embryos, has developed a procedure called altered (Continued 15-B)

Hydra splinter group claims responsibility for kidnapping

By Ben Ulrich

A woman who goes by the name Madame Hydra released a statement to the press via a web site claiming responsibility for the abduction of Mariko Harada, daughter of Japanese businessman Keiichiro Harada. The statement claims that Harada is actually the leader of the Japanese crime cartel Clan Yashida. Harada has denied these claims on numerous occasions and points to his legitimate business ventures both here in America and abroad.

Mariko Harada, 11, was last seen being dragged into a red van containing at least five masked males right outside the Baxter Building, NYPD Sgt. Jasper Sitwell said.

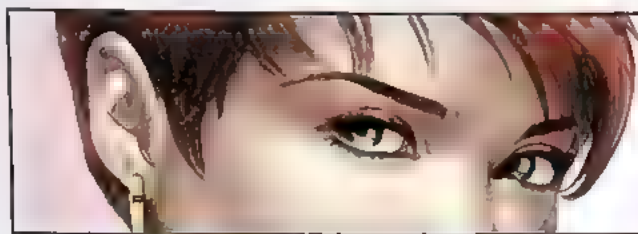
The girl is believed to be in imminent danger. Madame Hydra's statement included the words: "this girl's mutant blood will spill in the streets if the Harada family does not forfeit their profits in the Indonesian MGH drug trade."

The Harada family, through a statement, said: "this devastating turn of events is nothing short of blackmail. The Harada family does not profit from the international drug trade. This is the work of psychotics. Please, we beg you, give us our innocent daughter back. If she is not returned unharmed, there will be no end to the retaliation."

Mariko is described as 4 feet tall, weighing 65 pounds, with black hair and black eyes, and wearing a white sweater and black jeans. Anyone with information is asked to contact the nearest law-enforcement agency.



Doctor Otto Octavius
revealed his new procedure
known as "altered".



Janet Van Dyne

PARIS ♦ MILAN ♦ NEW YORK CITY

HEY, MAN-WOLF!

HOT AS HELL!

TONY STARK

ALISON BLAIRE

RALPH MACGILL

MASON WYNARDE

WARREN NORTHINGTON III

Sex scandal threatens to bring down family empire.

HELLFIRE CLUB

Closes its doors for the first time since 1760.

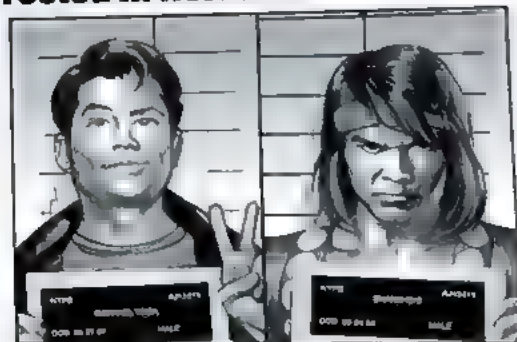
COLD AS ICE!



Spidey and Son

Peter Parker and son Richie spend quality time in Central Park.

Suspected Sapien Gang Members Arrested in Hell's Kitchen



Raphael Vega and Shang-Chi face organized crime charges.

HELL'S KITCHEN(Reuters)

Fifty-one people believed to be members of two powerful organized sapien crime gangs in New York were rounded up in predawn raids and indicted on Tuesday, authorities said.

In three separate indictments filed in Manhattan Federal Court, the gang members faced charges including murder, attempted murder, racketeering, extortion, money laundering and operation of illegal gambling businesses.

Federal agents and New York police arrested members of the Dragon and Wolfpack crime organizations after investigations spanning two years, authorities said.

The Dragon group, led by Shang-Chi, and the Wolfpack group, headed by Raphael Vega, used violence and threats to protect their turf and profits, the U.S. Attorney General's office said.

A third indictment charged five defendants with smuggling illegal sapiens from Europe to the United States for fees of up to \$44,000 each, and holding them hostage pending payment.

Lord Kevin Plunder gets asylum in the United States

Human rights activist Lord Kevin Reginald Plunder has obtained political asylum in the United States after fleeing Pangea, where he had been serving a prison sentence for speaking out against the established government.

Plunder, 26, was originally given a four-year prison sentence on appeal on September 25th. In the last of a series of secret hearings, the district court of Pandor sentenced Plunder (Continued 6-B)

BLIND ITEMS

GREEN WITH...

Word around City Hall is that a certain green-skinned, purple-suited She-lawyer who tends to overbill her sapien clients and then bully them into paying the tab, has been pressing green to flesh with a sight-impaired peer in the back halls of the courthouse. Though green isn't this man about town's favorite color, I certainly think she can do a little better. But hey, they say love is blind. They also say it isn't easy being green. And they also say: get a room, girl!!

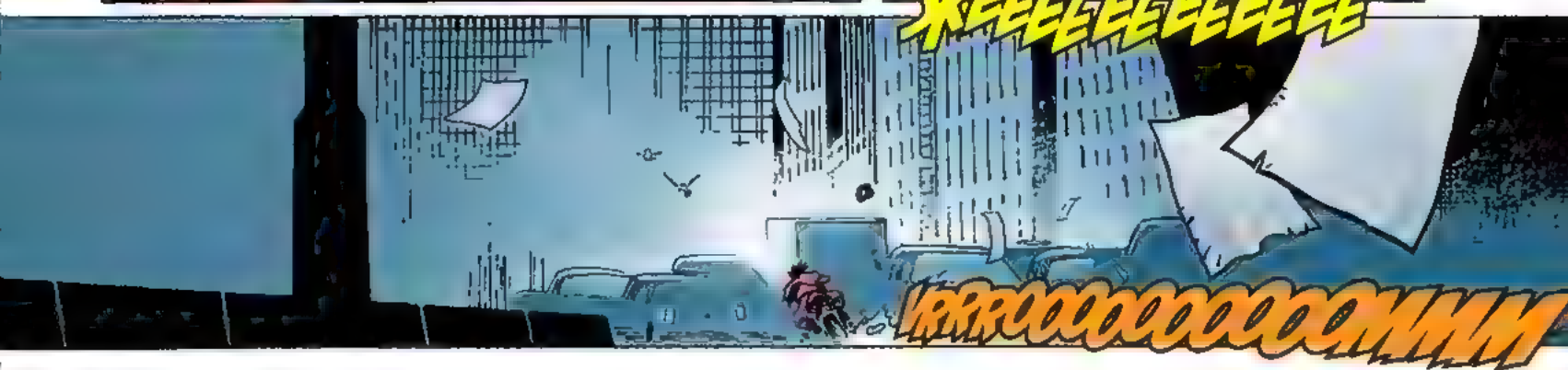
WHEN IS IT TIME...

Poor national TV talk show host, Alison Blaire, whose bright shining smile brightens every dreary drone's mediocre life. With her big contract negotiation out of the way, when will she break the news to her daytime audience that her mutant days are numbered due to a rare blood disorder that has all but pulled the plug on her signature light show.

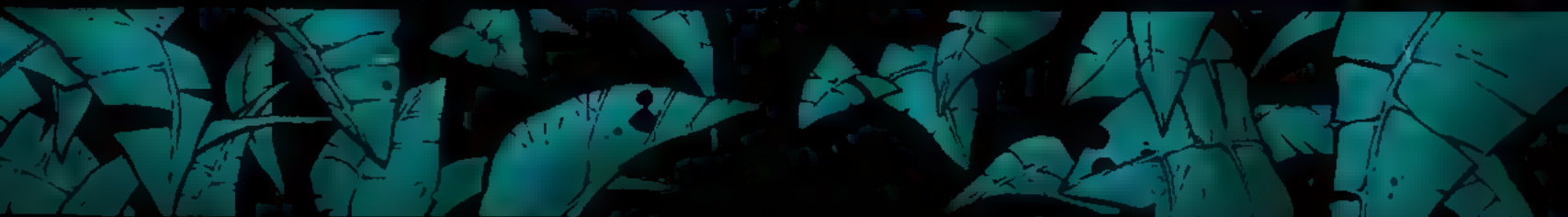
BUN IN THE IRON OVEN?

Like he didn't have enough trouble, now we hear that a once truly super supermodel is six months preggers and three months away from what's gotta be one of the biggest paydays in palimony history. And if the mustached one doesn't start returning her phone calls, it could get mighty ugly, mighty fast. Book and TV offers are flooding in. Tony, phone call on line one.



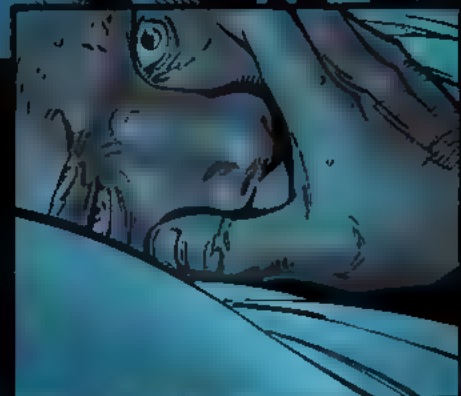
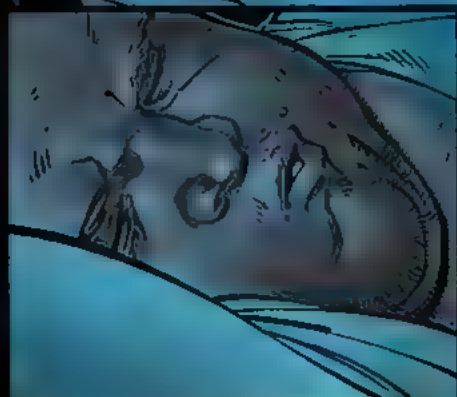
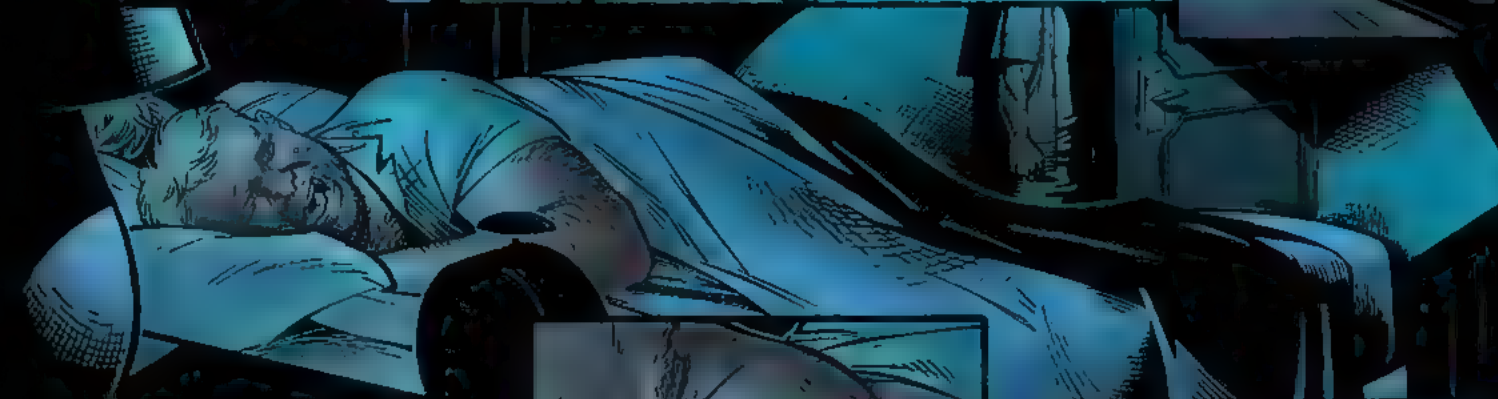


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CENTER, WESTCHESTER COUNTY



SNFF!





WHERE'S
CHARLES
XAVIER?



W-WHO?



DON'T
LIP ME.

WHERE
IS CHARLES
XAVIER?



I-I DON'T
KNOW WHO
THAT IS.

I-I
THINK--

I THINK
YOU HAVE
THE WRONG
HOUSE



HOW LONG
HAVE YOU LIVED
HERE?



F-FIFTEEN
YEARS.

PLEASE--
PLEASE LEAVE
MY FAMILY
ALONE.



WAAAAAHHHHH

ROAD HOUSE

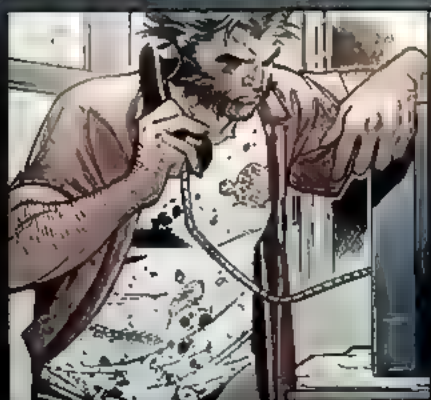
INFORMATION,
WHAT CITY?

NEED A
LISTING.

NAME?

CHARLES
XAVIER.

WHAT
CITY?



I DON'T
KNOW

I NEED
A CITY.



NEW
YORK?

NO LISTING
FOR THE NEW
YORK AREA.



WESTCHESTER
COUNTY?

NO. SORRY,
SIR.

UM. NEW
LISTING.

UH...
PETER
PARKER.

THE FAN
CLUB?

WHAT?



HEY, SAPE,
I'M NOT DONE
TALKIN' TO
YA!

AGH!

COME ON!
CATCH A LITTLE
FIRE, SAPE!

STOP
IT!

TORCH HER
CLOTHES, LET'S
SEE A SHOW.



COME
ON, SHOW A
LITTLE!

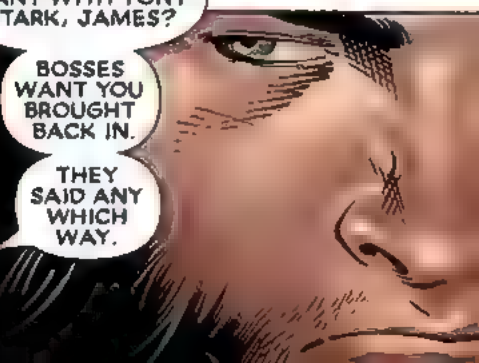
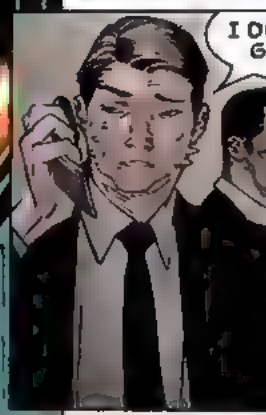
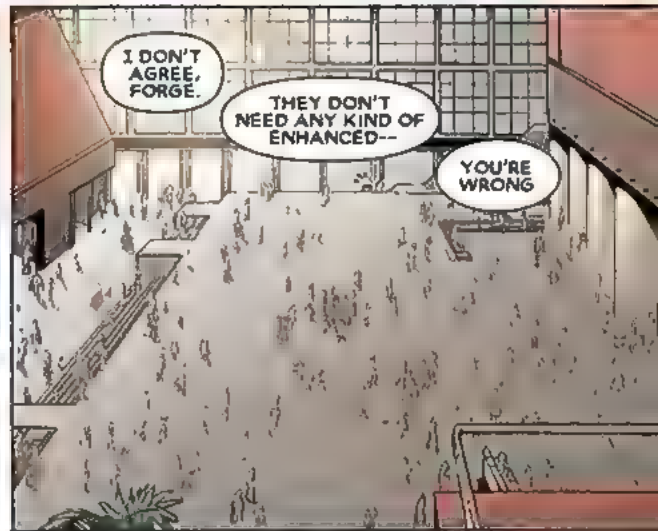
YEAH,
HERE WE--
UH-OH

HELLO?
HELLO--?



SNIKT

SNIKT





AGENT
DREW--

THE HELL
IS WRONG
WITH YOU,
JAMES?

YA SCARED
THE CRAP OUT OF
US, SUGAH.

WE'RE YOUR
TEAM. IF THERE'S
SOMETHING
GOING ON--

S.H.I.E.L.D.
COMMAND, THIS IS
RED GUARD AGENT
DARKHOLME. WE
HAVE HIM.

OKAY.

JAMES,
SERIOUSLY, DO
WHAT AGENT
DREW SAYS,
OKAY?



HE'S POPPED
A STITCH.

TOO
BAD.

JAMES, WE'RE
TAKING YOU BACK
TO COMMAND. DON'T
GET ROUGH IN FRONT
OF CIVILIANS. WE
CAN'T HAVE IT.

DON'T MAKE
THE STREET
SAPES CRY.

LET'S JUST
WALK OUT OF
HERE.

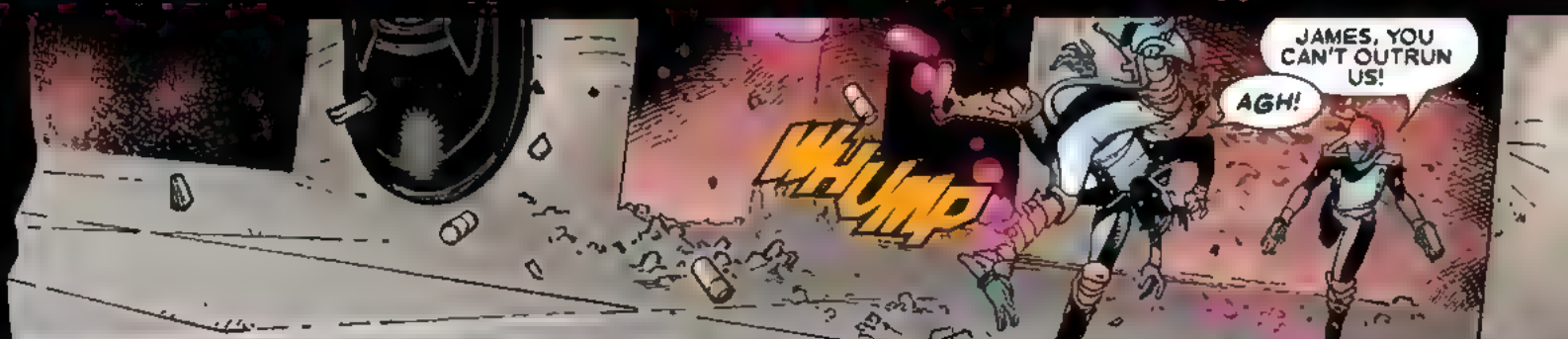
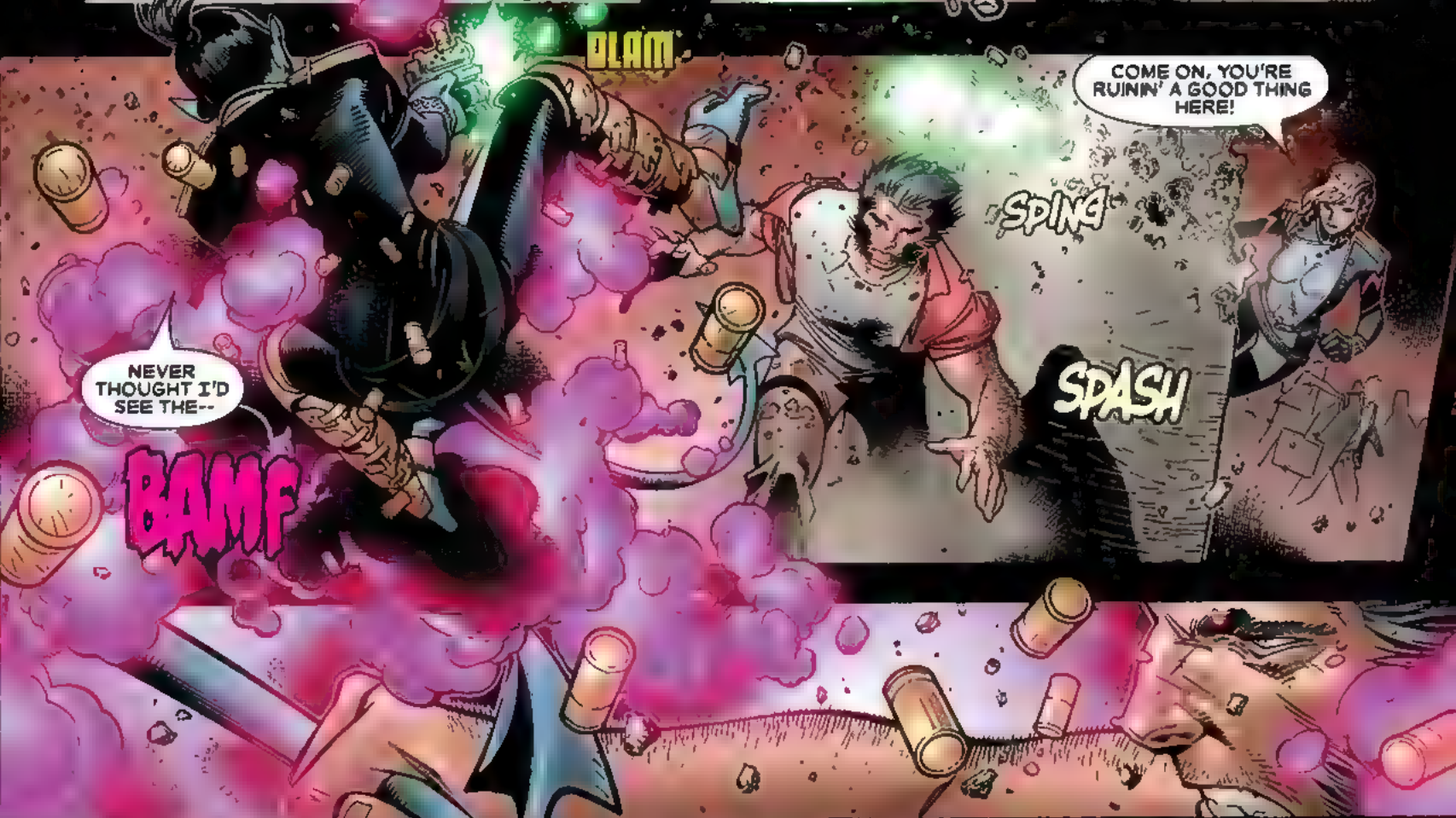
HOW'D
YOU FIND
ME?

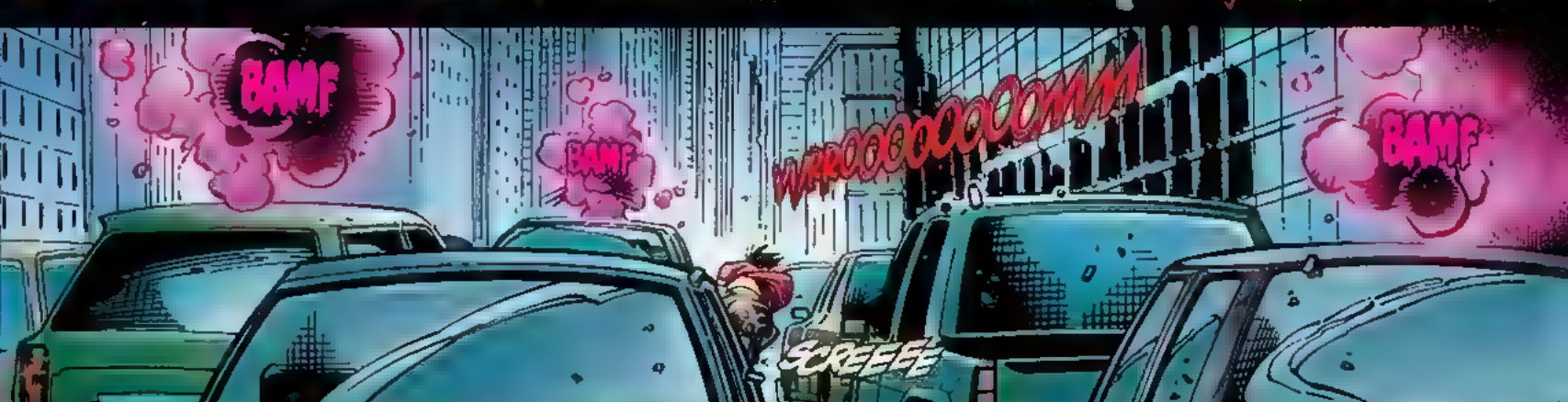
YOU HAVE
A TRACKER, YOU
KNOW THAT.

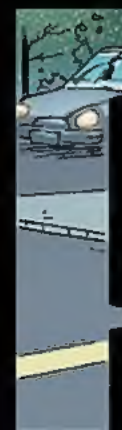
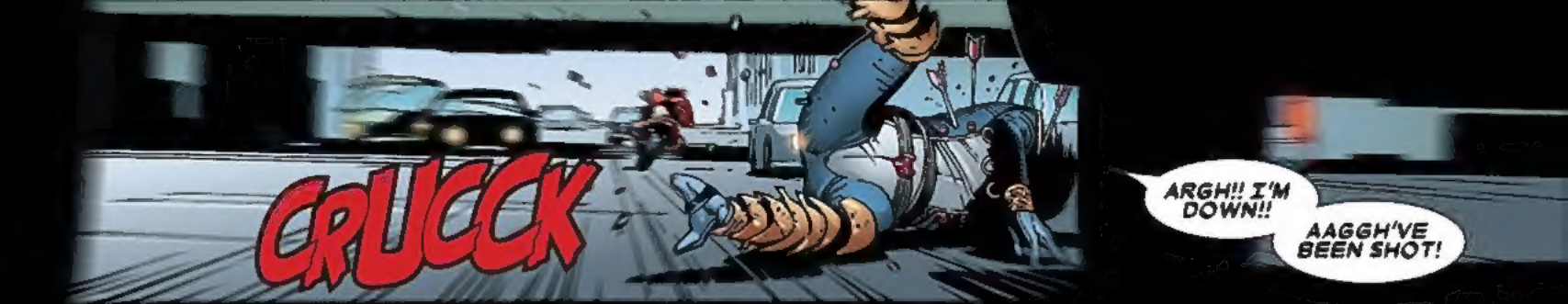
JEEZ, I
THINK HE
DID POP A
STITCH.

IF
ONLY.













DO IT.

TO BE CONTINUED...



EMPIRE